



AISC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

American Institute of Steel Construction

AISC's certification program sets the quality standard for the structural steel industry and is the most recognized national quality certification program for the industry. The program focuses on the entire process of fabrication and erection, with the goal to build quality structures from the start by focusing on error prevention rather than error correction.

CSE has been through a rigorous initial evaluation and continuous annual audits. These evaluations require a comprehensive administrative review, a documentation audit, and an on-site audit of CSE's quality management system. This is significantly different than a "product inspection," because it focuses on the root cause of any errors, and on preventing such errors from happening again. Due to the thoroughness of the evaluations, an initial certification may take up to six months to complete.

During the on-site audit, CSE's day-to-day operations were compared with the documented procedures from our quality management system. A general list of core quality criteria includes:

- ◻ Management responsibility
 - Quality and safety policy
- ◻ Quality system procedures
 - Weld procedures
 - Bolt installation procedures
 - Project-specific erection plans
 - Nonconformance procedures

AISC certification requires CSE to be accountable for all facets of its organization, from management responsibility, to employee training, to material purchasing and handling, to project-specific erection plans. The program also requires CSE to set goals, so that we will continually improve over time.

We have maintained our ASIC Advanced Erector certification every year since we initially certified. Our audit history is exemplary. We are consistently recognized for our innovation and for establishing industry best practices.